

## LOCAL NEWS.

ALEXANDRIA.—People generally like to see what is said by others concerning their own town. A letter from Alexandria, in the Charlottesville Jeffersonian, says:—We attended last night Christian church, that was once Washington's place of worship. The tomb, with old inscriptions on them, some dating an hundred years back; the firm brick in the walls of the church and the ivy clustering on them reminded one that the church is a connecting link with the past. The pews, however, are remodeled, and the pulpit supplied by a miserable lecturer. On the right of the pulpit is a memorial tablet of marble dedicated to George Washington, and on the left another corresponding, dedicated to Robert Edmund Lee, two names enshrined in the memory of the Southern people.

There is an air of dullness that hangs over some of the towns of Virginia that were laid out in the last century. Urbana is dwarfed—Port Royal has declined until people wonder how it stands decay so long, while Fredericksburg, notwithstanding its immense water power facilities, has discussed the question each year for less than half a century, whether it has a family more or less than it had the year preceding. Alexandria used to be immersed in this same atmosphere of inactivity, but it is gradually girding its skirts about its loins and entering the march of progress. King street the broadway of the town, is thronged with persons and has now a double-track street railway.

A magnificent market house has been erected on the ruins of the old, which was destroyed by fire. The lower part is used for market purposes, the upper for the offices of lawyers and of the various city officials. One portion is to be devoted to Masonic purposes, and another of the upper rooms will be used as a court room. The steeple contains the town clock, the interior of which is illuminated at night so that the time can be seen no matter how dark the night. The cost of the entire building is, I understand, \$60,000, and the rent accruing to the city amounts yearly to one-third of that sum. The market is very abundantly supplied with meats and vegetables, and when lit up at night presents a very beautiful appearance with its long row of gas lights.

**CORPORATION COURT—Judge E. M. Lowe presiding.**—Continuation of YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.—Com. vs. Alfred Carter; on an indictment for malicious wounding; jury rendered a verdict of guilty of assault and battery and assessed a fine of \$25. The defendant moved for a new trial, which was overruled and judgment according to the verdict of the jury and for two months in the city jail was entered by the court.

To-day.—Wm. G. Simpson vs. Jas. Javins; case, assumpsit upon an award; jury sworn; case tried and the jury out considering of their verdict at the close of this report.

Herr & Welch vs. W. F. Henderson; in assumpsit, suggested that defendant had gone into bankruptcy and case continued.

Turnbull & Bro. vs. Brockett et al.; in debt, defendant to special plea and joinder and overruled, and case continued.

W. R. Bier's administrator vs. W. H. Bailey; in assumpsit, plea non-assumpsit; replication and issue joined; jury, and jury out considering of a verdict.

**STRUCK BY A COW CATCHER.**—About two miles from Brandy Station, the W. C. V. M. & G. S. R. R., a colored man named Ike, who was lying near the track, was struck on the head last night by the cow catcher of the engine attached to the passenger train that arrived this morning from Lynchburg. Owing to the thick fog lying close to the ground, the engine driver did not see him until the accident had happened. When the train ran back to where he lay, he was found to be badly wounded and no hopes of his recovery were entertained. Two farmers living near by, came down and took charge of him. He has been employed by Mr. Markham as a farm hand. Mr. M. lived but a short distance from where the accident happened. The conductor, Capt. John Fossett, did all in his power to have the injured man properly cared for.

**DROWNED.**—A colored deck hand on the Southern mail steamer Charlotte Vanderbilt was accidentally drowned while that steamer was making her landing here at the Prince street wharf, at noon to-day, on her way to Washington from Quantico. The gang-way plank, on which he had stepped, tilted and threw him into the water under the wharf. When next seen his head and hands were visible for an instant about twenty yards back of the wharf, after which he sank to be seen alive no more. The accident was witnessed by many spectators, but it was utterly impossible to render him any assistance. His body, which was some dragged for, was found about three o'clock this afternoon near the spot where he sank by a colored man named Wm. Weaver. The deceased was named Warren Dorsey, and he is reported to have been the best deck hand on the boat and a very worthy man.

**ARLINGTON REPUBLICANS.**—A meeting of the Republicans of Arlington was held on Tuesday evening, Captain H. Dwight Smith in the chair, Mr. George W. Jackson, secretary. Ben Austin, Richard Butler, and John B. Syphax were appointed to select three delegates to the County Convention. The committee retired, and after consultation, recommended John B. Syphax, Alexander Scott, and Virgil P. Corbett as delegates, and they were elected. The meeting then adjourned.

**CASE OF WM. JACKSON.**—The reporter of the Washington Chronicle has furnished the following with a statement made by Wm. Jackson, now lying in the jail of this county, convicted of the murder of his wife. Appended to this statement is a letter in May last, addressed to Messrs. Kent & Neale, which refers entirely to the particulars of his wife's sickness "on the birth of a child," which appears not to have been concluded, and has no signature, and which is not, therefore, necessary to publish.

**NEW RESERVOIR.**—Civil engineers Blythe and Haven have been engaged to-day in laying out the land upon which the new reservoir of the Alexandria Water Company is to be built. The work will be commenced as soon as the surveys are completed, and will occupy nine and a half acres of ground, and the summit surface will be 300 by 500 feet.

**TROTTER MATCH.**—As will be seen by an advertisement in another column, a race will come off on the Piney Branch course, near Washington, to-morrow afternoon, between trotting horses from this city. A large number of persons have expressed an intention of being present upon the occasion. Mr. Fox, the gentlemanly proprietor of the track, will see that all are well accommodated.

**POLICE HEADQUARTERS.**—William Glachet, arrested on the charge of rolling a wheelbarrow on the sidewalks was dismissed as the charge was not sustained, the offending barrow having been rolled by a colored boy in the employ of the accused and against the latter's express instructions.

**Weather Probabilities.**—WASHINGTON, July 17, 11 a. m. During the rest of Thursday, for the Gulf and South Atlantic States, falling barometer, higher temperature, southeast and southwest wind, and numerous local rains. For the Middle Atlantic States and Lower Lakes, interesting south and southwest winds, cloudy weather and local storms.

## WARD MEETINGS.

**Delegates to the Richmond Convention.**—The Conservatives of the city met in their respective Wards, last night, and nominated delegates to the Richmond Convention, which meets on the 6th of August. We append the proceedings:

## FIRST WARD.

The meeting assembled at the truck house of the Relief Hook and Ladder Company, and was called to order by ex Mayor Latham, on whose motion George R. Shinn was elected Chairman, and Harold Snowden, Secretary.

The chair having stated the object of the meeting, W. W. Rock nominated Hugh Latham for delegate, and Jacob Foltz nominated Geo. R. Shinn, but the latter declining a nomination, and there being no other nominations, Mr. Latham was unanimously elected, the vote being taken viva voce.

M. H. Nash nominated Geo. R. Shinn for alternate, and there being no other nomination Mr. Shinn was declared unanimously elected. The chair then stated that there was no further business before the meeting. It had at one time been thought that the meeting might appoint delegates to the County Convention that would be held to nominate delegates to the General Assembly, but it was now thought advisable to postpone that action until after the State Convention had been held.

G. W. Rock asked if it was usual to instruct the delegates.

The chair stated that it was certainly in the power of the meeting to instruct the delegate, but that he thought it inadvisable to do so. He supposed that delegates knew that Col. R. E. Withers was the choice of the Conservative voters of the ward, and he was certain Mr. Latham would faithfully represent his constituents, but if it should be found that Col. Withers was not the stronger man with the Conservative voters of the whole State, it would be wrong to compel the vote of the ward to be thrown away upon him.

Mr. Rock replied that he had merely asked for information. He would state, however, that he was in favor of Gen. Kemper, and he thought there were a great many others of his way of thinking.

## SECOND WARD.

The meeting in the Second Ward was held in the Sun Engine Hall, in the new market building, S. H. Janney, in the chair, and R. M. Latham, Secretary.

Messrs. E. Snowden, Jr., and H. O. Clough were put in nomination for delegate, and upon balloting Mr. Snowden was elected.

D. S. Delaplace was chosen alternate, after which the meeting adjourned.

## THIRD WARD.

The meeting in this Ward was held at the Court House, and was called to order by Capt. J. M. Stewart, upon whose motion W. H. May was selected as chairman, C. E. Stuart, Jr., Secretary, and Capt. W. H. Fowler, Assistant.

The object of the meeting having been stated, Basil Brawner, K. Kemper, C. F. Suttle and T. J. Beckham were nominated for delegate, and Col. Suttle and Mr. Beckham declined.

Upon Col. T. W. Ashby's motion, the candidates were requested to express their preference as to the candidates for Governor.

Col. Brawner said that his preference was for Col. Withers, but if upon consultation in Richmond, he found that Col. W. was not the strongest man he would vote for what he considered the best interest of the party.

Capt. Kemper was primarily in favor of Col. K. n-pper, but would do that which he considered best for the interest of the party and would willingly represent the views of his constituents if elected.

Col. Ashby wanted the man elected who had expressed himself in favor of Withers. He thought that Col. Brawner would best represent the views of the people of Alexandria in voting for Col. Withers who he thought could carry the State without doubt, but that in his opinion the contest with Gen. Kemper as the candidate would be very close, if indeed he could carry the State at all.

A. J. Wedderburn said that issues would be made in the Convention that he was not known here. Kemper would go into the Convention with Gen. Mahone's interest to back him, but Withers would have this interest opposed to him. If Withers was chosen Gen. Mahone would not support the Conservative nominee.

Col. Ashby asked why Mahone was opposed to Withers.

Mr. Wedderburn said it was because they had been at "loggerheads" for three or four years.

Col. Ashby said Mahone would not support Withers because he (W.) would not support the non-olidation scheme, which would destroy Alexandria.

Col. M. D. Ball said he had just returned from "Mahomedan" (Lynchburg) and Mahone had stated that while they preferred Kemper, yet they would support the Conservative nominee who ever he might be, and he did not believe the assertion to that effect had the shadow of a foundation.

Col. Suttle said that Withers was the choice of Tidewater Virginia.

A ballot being ordered resulted in the choice of Col. Brawner, the vote being Brawner 13, Kemper 13, when, on motion of Capt. Kemper the choice was made unanimous.

T. J. Beckham was then, on motion of Col. Ashby, unanimously elected alternate.

## FOURTH WARD.

There was but a small meeting in this Ward, held at the Friendship Engine House, last night, E. S. Leadbeater, esq., presided, and Herbert Bryant was Secretary, when Mr. J. B. Smoot was unanimously elected delegate, and Mr. S. C. Neale, alternate. After which, and without debate, the meeting adjourned.

## ALEXANDRIA IN THE FIELD.

A Trot will come off on the Half-Mile Track, on FRIDAY, July 18, "play or pay," for \$200 and \$4 of Harnes valued at \$75. Horses to start at 4 o'clock; best 3 in 5 to harness.

James Chatham names b. s. Blap Jack. Wesley Mackay names b. s. Whiskey King. John Davis names b. s. Mount Vernon. Wm. Herrick names b. s. Star. John Wenzel names b. s. Humboldt. Albert Reid names b. s. George Harrison.

N. B.—The above entries have been made, and this Trot promises to be the best of the season. Admission 50 cents.

## AMOS FOX, Proprietor.

## RUNNING PURSE OF \$100.

Open to all horses; half-mile heats; best 3 in 5; will come off on the Piney Branch Race Course, July 25th; entries to close THURSDAY, July 24th, at 9 o'clock p. m. Entrance fee, 10 per cent, to be made to

## COAL!

We have now on hand and are constantly receiving at our wharf and storage yards, foot of Queen streets, all the best COALS known to this market. We name in part:

LYKEN'S VALLEY. SHAMOKIN and EAST FRANKLIN LOR-BERRY RED ASH.

JOHN'S, from E. L. VEIN COLLIERY. The celebrated CONTINENTAL and HAZEL DELL, from the Goodrich Colliery, esteemed the best in the market.

And LEE and STANTON WHITE ASH ANTHRACITE COAL, of Steamer, Broken, Egg Stone and Nut sizes.

Also, GEORGE'S CREEK CUMBERLAND COAL.

Having ample space, each variety of Coal is kept distinct from that of others, and is especially prepared for family use. Yards located on and sent out well screened and free from slate, 2240 lbs to the ton. Orders left with Messrs. Clarridge & Grigg, corner King and Royal sts., or at the yards will be promptly filled.

## T. J. MEHAFFEY &amp; CO.,

Wharf and Yards foot of Queen st.

## TELEGRAPH.

(SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.)

## From Spain.

MADRID, July 17.—A new constitution will be presented to the Cortes for action to-day. The report of the capture of the town of Estella by Carlists is confirmed.

Contestra has levied a forced loan of \$80,000 on the citizens of Carthagina. The Carlists are marching on Logrono.

The international society of Barcelona has been dissolved.

The authorities are still apprehensive of an outbreak at Valencia and the commander of the garrison has been ordered to use every measure of precaution to maintain order.

BAYONNE, July 17.—The Carlists declare that all the arms and ammunition shipped for them have been safely landed on the coast of Biscay.

Colonel Aizpurua has taken command of the force which was formerly led by the Cure Santa Cruz and which now numbers 1,000 men. Lizaraga, with 4,000 well disciplined infantry and some cavalry and artillery, is operating in Guipuzcoa.

## Affairs in Omaha.

OMAHA, July 17.—The committee appointed at the meeting of railroad men Tuesday reported at a subsequent meeting that a citizens committee had been organized for the purpose of assisting the authorities to enforce the laws; in case of the inability or neglect of the authorities to preserve order, the citizens committee would take measures to secure protection to the lives and property of all good citizens. It was hoped that the committee would not be called upon to interfere, but if necessary would not promptly; that whereas the city is infested with robbers and gamblers whom the civil authorities have thus far failed to arrest and which fact is publicly known, to the discredit of the city, they had bound themselves for the purpose of self-protection and now give public warning that if some remedy is not speedily applied they would feel justified in using summary measures.

## Excitement.

OMAHA, July 16.—Considerable excitement has prevailed here since the stabbing of Atwood, the brakeman by gamblers, on Sunday for exposing their game on the train. A meeting of railroad men held yesterday at the Union Pacific shops to consider the case, was attended by over four hundred men. A committee was appointed to draft resolutions and draw up a programme to be followed should necessity demand it. They threaten to deal summarily with the gamblers and roughs who have infested this vicinity for months past. Twelve or fifteen of the fraternity have already left town. Atwood lies in a precarious condition.

## Peabody Educational Fund.

NEW YORK, July 17.—In alluding to the financial condition of the Peabody Educational Fund, yesterday, Mr. Winthrop stated that about \$130,000 from the fund had been expended in co-operation with six or seven times that amount, contributed by Southern people in the cause of education, since the last meeting of the board, thus making but little less than \$1,000,000 expended during the year for free common schools in the South.

**Commencement Exercises.**—SAN FRANCISCO, July 16.—The commencement exercises of the University of California took place to-day at Berkeley, across the Bay, and were attended by a large concourse of people. A class of twelve students, the first of four years' course graduated. Speeches were made by President Gilman, Gov. Booth and Bishop Kipp. The latter presented, in the name of Frederick Billings, a copy of a portrait of Bishop Berkeley from that at Yale College.

**Sale of Government Gold.**—NEW YORK, July 17.—A bid of 116 01-1-10 has just been made for \$1,500,000 gold at the sub-treasury.

There were eleven bids for government gold to-day, aggregating \$3,600,000, at 115-44 to 116 01-1-10. The \$1,500,000 to be sold will be awarded at 116 01-1-10.

**Pedestrianism.**—SPRINGFIELD, July 17.—The starters in the foot race for the Bennett challenge cup were Benton, of Amherst, Bowie, of McGill University, Canada, and Phillips of Cornell. Bowie won in 11 minutes 18 seconds. Distance, two miles, Phillips was second, only a second and a half behind; Benton was third.

**Released.**—NEW YORK, July 17.—Ex-State Senator, Wm. M. Graham, late President of the Waikiki National Bank and who has been in Ludlow street jail since February last for the misappropriation of \$480,000, gave bail to-day in \$25,000 and was released.

**Suicide.**—SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.—Mrs. McArthur, of Los Angeles, to-day, because her husband scolded her on the character of the breakfast, took a large dose of strychnine and died soon after. An official investigation into the conduct of her husband is demanded.

**Burning of a Balloon.**—PHILADELPHIA, July 17.—An attempt was made here last night to send up a large hot air balloon, but while inflating it the canvas took fire, enveloping the aeronaut and burning him badly.

**Specie in the Bank of England.**—LONDON, July 17.—The specie in the Bank of England has increased £37,000 since the last report. The amount of bullion gone into the bank on balance to-day is £77,000.

**Mail Transportation.**—SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.—The sub-committee of the U. S. Congressional Committee on Mail Transportation met in this city on the 25th of July.

**Cholera.**—LONDON, July 17.—Reports have reached here that several cases of cholera have occurred at Vienna. It is said the authorities are endeavoring to suppress the particulars.

**Insurance Rates.**—NEW YORK, July 17.—The Board of Underwriters resolved to levy an additional premium of one per cent on mansard roofs after January 1st, 1874.

**Specie in the Bank of France.**—PARIS, July 17.—The specie in the Bank of France has increased \$1,000,000 during the past week. The Bourse closed steady.

**Rate of Discount.**—LONDON, July 17.—12-30 p. m.—The rate of discount in the Bank of England has been reduced 1/2 and is now 4 1/2 per cent.

**Shipments of Specie.**—NEW YORK, July 17.—Specie shipments to Europe to-day, \$800,000 in gold coin and \$75,000 in silver bars.

**Hotel Burned.**—HORNELLVILLE, N. Y., July 17.—The Sherman House was burned last night. Loss \$40,000 insurance \$20,000.

**DENNISON'S PATENT SHIP-PING TAGS.**—Over 200 millions have been used within the past ten years, without complaint of loss by tag becoming detached. All Express companies use them. Sold by Printers and Stationers Everywhere.

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**The Markets.**—NEW YORK, July 17.—Stocks dull. Gold steady at 154. Money 3 1/4. Flour a shade firmer. Wheat steady and in fair demand. Corn a shade firmer.

BALTIMORE, July 17.—Virginia sixes, consolidated 53 1/2. West Virginia 11 bid to day. Cotton firm; low middlings 19. Flour steady; good local demand; prices unchanged. Wheat firm. Corn quiet, but firm; white Southern 81; yellow Southern 80 1/2; mixed Western 81 1/2. Oats dull; Southern 62 1/2; Western mixed 47 1/2; do. white 50. Rye unchanged. Hay—Common Virginia 20-25.

**COMMERCIAL.**—ALEXANDRIA MARKET, July 17.—We have no arrivals of new Wheat to report to-day; prime dry samples are in active enquiry at fair prices, but damp and badly cleaned lots are in prices. Corn is quiet, and the market may be active. Corn is quiet, and the market may be active. Corn is quiet, and the market may be active.

**PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, JULY 17, 1874.** SUN ROSE..... 452 1/2 MOON RIVER..... morn SUN SETS..... 720

**ARRIVED.**—Steamer Express, Baltimore, to J. Brothers & Co. She reports Capt. Rodgers' pilot driver as having gone into St. George's river to build a wharf at Marshall's; also passing two loaded schooners bound up of Mathias' Point.

Steamer Sarah J. Fleming, Wilmington, N. C., to Smoot & Perry.

Schr. Edward Doran, Washington, to American Coal Co.

Schr. O. G. Morris, Washington, to Hampshire and Baltimore Coal Co.

Schr. Jos. Gallagher, John Henry and Emily, Washington, to J. P. Agnew.

Schr. Jesse J. Parks, Baltimore, to Jamieson, Uhler & Co.

**SAILED.**—Steamer Lady of the Lake, Norfolk, by F. A. Reed.

Schr. Thomas Jefferson, Port Tobacco, by J. H. D. Smoot.

Schr. Speed, Baltimore, by W. A. Smoot.

Schr. Grace Gardner, Boston, by American Coal Co.